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### Message:

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## Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/602,245First Named Applicant: Len ChanExaminer: Paul R. FisherArt Unit: 3689Status of Application: Non-Final

### Tentative Participants:

(1) Exr. Paul R. Fisher(2) Stephen A. Mason

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(4) \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Date of Interview: 7/23/2009Proposed Time: 11:00 AM EST AM/PM

### Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic(2) ☐ Personal(3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated:

☐ YES☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

### Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) Rej.	Claim 1	Bingham, Patullo, & Fiske	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

### Brief Description of Argument to be Presented:

Applicants wish to discuss the attached proposed amendment.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on \_\_\_\_\_.

NOTE: This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

Stephen A. Mason

Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

64,303

Registration Number, if applicable

Examiner/SPE Signature

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33. (Currently Amended) A method, the method comprising:  
a ~~digital data~~ processing system receiving a request for a function space, wherein  
the ~~digital data~~ processing system comprising stores availability information for  
a plurality of function spaces in a common reservation table,  
the common reservation table concurrently stores information related to an  
inventory of a specific space and a category space representing the  
function space,  
each of the plurality of function spaces is located at one of a plurality of  
properties,  
~~in a common reservation table and the data processing system stores~~ a set of  
pricing rules,  
the request ~~comprising comprises~~ a plurality of criteria,  
the plurality of criteria comprises  
a ranking of facility quality,  
and  
the pricing rules including comprise rules for pricing the function space based  
on a time of year;  
determining, using a processor, an availability of the ~~requested~~ function space, wherein  
the determining comprises determining the availability based upon  
some or all of the availability information, and  
one or more of the plurality of criteria, ~~wherein~~  
~~said determining comprises determining said availability on a quality-~~  
~~specific basis~~  
said determining comprises determining the availability is ~~determined~~  
contingent on a threshold revenue for the function space,  
comprising the threshold revenue comprises  
an expected food and drink revenue associated with the request, and  
revenue derived from an expected number of sleeping room rentals  
associated with the request, and

the threshold revenue is determined based on a day part for which the function space is requested;

automatically providing a real-time price quote for the ~~requested~~ request function space based on the set of pricing rules, wherein

~~in spite of~~ in response to having determined that the a requested function space satisfying ~~the one or more of~~ the plurality of criteria is unavailable, an alternative to the requested function space is presented, wherein the alternative is selected as a closest approximation to the request, the pricing rules comprise

general pricing rules, and  
property-specific pricing rules, and

the real-time price quote includes a pricing discount based on ~~the~~ an attendance of the an event,  
profit for one or more expected guest room rentals, and  
an expected profit on food and drink sales;

in response to a user rejecting the real time price quote, presenting a plurality of alternatives;

receiving an acceptance of the real-time price quote for the ~~requested~~ function space from a user;

establishing a reservation for the ~~requested~~ function space as the category space allocated for a length of time including a setup period and teardown period, wherein

said length of time is determined in response to [[for]] a selected setup style and the attendance, wherein, and

if said function space is unavailable, said reservation comprises an overbooking;  
and

converting, after a delay, said reservation ~~for the requested function space as category space~~ to a reservation for the specific space, wherein the converting comprises displaying a graphical representation of a hierarchical relationship between the category space and the specific space

~~the specific space is selected from a set comprising an indivisible space and a  
configured space of combined indivisible spaces.~~